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## RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 4,000 IN APRIL TO 458,100

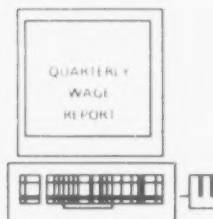
Total Rhode Island establishment employment increased by 4,000 in April, primarily due to seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with additional hiring in some Manufacturing industries, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 458,100 in April. This represents a monthly gain of 4,000 jobs, and is 3,700 more than the April 1988 level of 454,400.

### MANUFACTURING

Overall factory employment in Rhode Island rose by 600 in April, but the current level of 113,700 is 900 below the figure reported a year ago this month. Employment in the Durable Goods category increased 400 in the March-April period to a level of 77,100, which was down 400 from the April 1988 figure. In the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the April employment total of 36,600 reflected a gain of 200 from the prior month, but a decrease of 500 compared to a year ago. Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. In contrast to this, employment declined by 100 each in Electrical Machinery and Jewelry-Silverware. Payroll levels in Primary Metals and Instruments were unchanged from last month.

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| EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway                              | 277-3546 |
| NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road<br>Middletown               | 847-3680 |
| PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St                                     | 722-7500 |
| PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St                           |          |
| Jewelry                                                    | 277-3553 |
| Manufacturing & Construction                               | 277-3556 |
| Professional & Clerical                                    | 277-3584 |
| Temporary Help                                             | 277-3559 |
| WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center<br>Tower Hill Road | 789-9721 |
| WARWICK, 50 Airport Road                                   | 737-9624 |
| WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street                                 | 596-2814 |
| WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St                                 | 828-6134 |
| WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St                                    | 762-9010 |

## OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| JOB BANK                           | 277-3588 |
| TJTC Information                   | 277-3726 |
| TJTC Job Orders                    | 277-3726 |
| Employer Relations Unit            | 277-3458 |
| Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates    | 277-6813 |
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| Project STEADY                     | 277-6813 |

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

|                       | Apr<br>1989 | Mar<br>1989 | Apr<br>1988 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Placements      | 456         | 486         | 545         |
| New Applications      | 2,523       | 3,335       | 1,757       |
| New Openings Received | 3,307       | 1,912       | 1,949       |

## EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

|                 | Apr<br>1989  | Mar<br>1989   | Apr<br>1988  |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Initial Claims  | 6,269        | 6,502         | 5,476        |
| No. of Payments | 50,176       | 64,502        | 40,277       |
| Amt. of Payment | \$ 8,865,347 | \$ 11,686,399 | \$ 6,462,966 |
| Exhaustions     | 1,143        | 1,053         | 911          |

## TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

|                  | Apr<br>1989  | Mar<br>1989  | Apr<br>1988  |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Initial Claims   | 3,205        | 4,127        | 3,607        |
| No. of Payments  | 20,576       | 28,602       | 26,108       |
| Amt. of Payments | \$ 3,613,166 | \$ 4,959,023 | \$ 4,289,432 |

## RHODE ISLAND \*

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates  
(in thousands)

|                          | April<br>1989 | March<br>1989 | April<br>1988 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Civilian Labor Force     | 536.1         | 534.4         | 518.6         |
| Unemployment             | 22.1          | 22.9          | 17.4          |
| Rate (Unadjusted)        | 4.1           | 4.3           | 3.4           |
| Seasonally Adjusted Rate | 3.8           | 3.6           | 3.2           |

## PROVIDENCE\*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area  
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates  
(in thousands)

|                      | March<br>1989 | February<br>1989 | March<br>1988 |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 350.2         | 346.6            | 338.8         |
| Unemployment         | 14.2          | 12.3             | 12.3          |
| Rate (Unadjusted)    | 4.1           | 3.5              | 3.6           |

## PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO\*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area  
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates  
(in thousands)

|                      | March<br>1989 | February<br>1989 | March<br>1988 |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 169.0         | 167.4            | 166.7         |
| Unemployment         | 8.7           | 7.9              | 7.6           |
| Rate (Unadjusted)    | 5.1           | 4.7              | 4.6           |

## NEWPORT Labor Area\*

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

|                      | March<br>1989 | February<br>1989 | March<br>1988 |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 35,810        | 35,065           | 34,525        |
| Unemployment         | 1,470         | 1,085            | 1,130         |
| Rate (Unadjusted)    | 4.1           | 3.1              | 3.3           |

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

### IN RHODE ISLAND

### FEBRUARY 20-24, 1989

| Sex and Age                      | Number | Percent |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Total                            | 16,904 | 100.0   |
| Men                              | 11,930 | 70.6    |
| Under 45                         | 8,541  | 71.6    |
| 45 and Over                      | 3,389  | 28.4    |
| Women                            | 4,974  | 29.4    |
| Under 45                         | 3,307  | 66.5    |
| 45 and Over                      | 1,667  | 33.5    |
| Industry Attachment              |        |         |
| Contract Construction            | 4,574  | 27.1    |
| Manufacturing                    | 4,642  | 27.5    |
| Public Utilities                 | 634    | 3.7     |
| Wholesale and Retail             | 2,466  | 14.6    |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 578    | 3.4     |
| Service                          | 1,832  | 10.8    |
| All Other                        | 2,178  | 12.9    |
| Occupational Skills              |        |         |
| Prof., Tech. and Managerial      | 2,494  | 14.7    |
| Clerical and Sales               | 2,287  | 13.5    |
| Service                          | 1,364  | 8.1     |
| Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ     | 964    | 5.7     |
| Processing                       | 607    | 3.6     |
| Machine Trades                   | 1,432  | 8.5     |
| Bench Work                       | 1,501  | 8.9     |
| Structural Work                  | 4,753  | 28.1    |
| Miscellaneous                    | 1,501  | 8.9     |
| INA                              | 1      | 0.0     |

\*Data for current month is PRELIMINARY; prior month has been REVISED

## TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

|                                     | EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS |       |         | NET CHANGE FROM |         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|---------|
|                                     | April                   | Mar   | April   | Mar             | April   |
|                                     | 1989                    | 1989  | 1988    | 1989            | 1988    |
| TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*                   | 458.1                   | 454.1 | 454.4   | + 4,000         | + 3,700 |
| MANUFACTURING                       | 113.7                   | 113.1 | 114.6   | + 600           | - 900   |
| NONMANUFACTURING                    | 344.4                   | 341.0 | 339.8   | + 3,400         | + 4,600 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION               | 21.2                    | 20.0  | 19.8    | + 1,200         | + 1,400 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES   | 15.8                    | 15.5  | 15.7    | + 300           | + 100   |
| TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)          | 103.1                   | 102.3 | 102.5   | + 800           | + 600   |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE    | 26.5                    | 26.6  | 26.5    | 100             | 0       |
| SERVICE (Miscellaneous)             | 117.3                   | 116.0 | 115.9** | + 1,300         | + 1,400 |
| GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local) | 60.5                    | 60.6  | 59.4    | 100             | + 1,100 |

1989 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1988 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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\* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

\*\* Labor Dispute.

## ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

|                       | EMPLOYMENT   |       |       |                 |       | PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES |        |              |      |                 |       |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|------|-----------------|-------|
|                       | IN THOUSANDS |       |       | Net Change From |       | Weekly Earnings            |        | Weekly Hours |      | Hourly Earnings |       |
|                       | Apr          | Mar   | Apr   | Mar             | Apr   | Apr                        | Apr    | Apr          | Apr  | Apr             | Apr   |
|                       | 1989         | 1989  | 1988  | 1989            | 1988  | 1989                       | 1988   | 1989         | 1988 | 1989            | 1988  |
| ALL MANUFACTURING     | 113.7        | 113.1 | 114.6 | + 600           | - 900 | 356.69                     | 335.12 | 39.5         | 39.8 | 9.03            | 8.42  |
| DURABLE GOODS         | 77.1         | 76.7  | 77.5  | + 400           | - 400 | 353.13                     | 329.43 | 39.5         | 39.5 | 8.94            | 8.34  |
| LUMBER/FURNITURE      | 3.2          | 3.1   | 3.1   | + 100           | + 100 | 417.44                     | 405.38 | 40.1         | 39.9 | 10.41           | 10.16 |
| STONE-CLAY-GLASS      | 1.9          | 1.8   | 1.8   | + 100           | + 100 | 467.08                     | 426.30 | 40.3         | 40.6 | 11.59           | 10.50 |
| PRIMARY METALS        | 4.4          | 4.4   | 4.6   | 0               | - 200 | 422.93                     | 406.08 | 43.2         | 42.3 | 9.79            | 9.60  |
| FABRICATED METALS     | 8.9          | 8.8   | 8.8   | + 100           | + 100 | 333.32                     | 324.79 | 39.4         | 39.9 | 8.46            | 8.14  |
| NONELECTRIC MACH.     | 5.7          | 5.6   | 5.8   | + 100           | - 100 | 470.73                     | 451.07 | 42.6         | 43.0 | 11.05           | 10.49 |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY  | 11.2         | 11.3  | 11.4  | - 100           | - 200 | 334.22                     | 315.75 | 39.6         | 40.9 | 8.44            | 7.72  |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIP. | 9.5          | 9.4   | 9.0   | + 100           | + 500 | 470.77                     | 446.93 | 40.1         | 40.3 | 11.74           | 11.09 |
| INSTRUMENTS           | 4.7 *        | 4.7 * | 4.8 * | 0               | - 100 | 377.08                     | 326.27 | 40.2         | 39.5 | 9.38            | 8.26  |
| JEWELRY-SILVERWARE    | 21.3         | 21.4  | 21.9  | - 100           | - 600 | 278.31                     | 258.90 | 38.6         | 38.7 | 7.21            | 6.69  |
| MISCELLANEOUS MFG.    | 6.3          | 6.2   | 6.3   | + 100           | 0     | 284.04                     | 243.19 | 36.0         | 34.3 | 7.89            | 7.09  |
| NONDURABLE GOODS      | 36.6         | 36.4  | 37.1  | + 200           | - 500 | 363.27                     | 346.18 | 39.4         | 40.3 | 9.22            | 8.59  |
| FOOD-BEVERAGE         | 2.9          | 2.8   | 2.8   | + 100           | + 100 | 334.28                     | 305.81 | 38.6         | 36.8 | 8.66            | 8.31  |
| TEXTILES              | 9.9          | 10.0  | 10.3  | - 100           | - 400 | 321.60                     | 312.48 | 40.1         | 40.9 | 8.02            | 7.64  |
| APPAREL               | 2.3          | 2.3   | 2.7   | 0               | - 400 | 300.45                     | 284.69 | 39.9         | 41.2 | 7.53            | 6.91  |
| PAPER PRODUCTS        | 2.7          | 2.6   | 2.6   | + 100           | + 100 | 357.42                     | 314.98 | 42.0         | 40.8 | 8.51            | 7.72  |
| PRINTING-PUBLISHING   | 7.0          | 7.0   | 7.0   | 0               | 0     | 462.03                     | 453.19 | 35.9         | 38.9 | 12.87           | 11.65 |
| CHEMICAL PRODUCTS     | 3.4          | 3.3   | 3.4   | + 100           | 0     | 440.82                     | 448.52 | 39.5         | 41.3 | 11.16           | 10.86 |
| RUBBER PRODUCTS       | 1.3          | 1.3   | 1.2   | 0               | + 100 | 375.55                     | 347.02 | 40.6         | 39.3 | 9.25            | 8.83  |
| PLASTICS PRODUCTS     | 5.0          | 5.0   | 5.0   | 0               | 0     | 372.33                     | 353.38 | 39.4         | 40.9 | 9.45            | 8.64  |
| LEATHER PRODUCTS      | 2.1          | 2.1   | 2.1   | 0               | 0     | 277.84                     | 250.34 | 41.1         | 39.8 | 6.76            | 6.29  |

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Compared to a year ago, the largest job gain occurred in Transportation Equipment (+500) followed by increases of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, and Fabricated Metals. For the twelve month period, the most substantial employment decline was posted in Jewelry-Silverware (-600). Also down from their year earlier job levels were Primary Metals and Electrical Machinery (-200). Employment in both Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments was off by 100, while the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment showed no change from April 1988.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Paper Products and Chemical Products more than offset a downturn of 100 in Textiles. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from last month. On an annual comparison, employment gains were recorded in Food Beverage, Paper Products and Rubber Products (+100 each). Contrary to this, decreases of 400 each were posted in Textiles and Apparel. Job totals in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change compared to a year ago.

**NONMANUFACTURING**

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 3,400 from March to April, mainly due to seasonal growth in Services, Contract Construction and Trade. In addition, the April non-factory employment level of 344,400 was 4,600 higher than the year earlier figure of 339,800.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the Service industry posted the largest monthly increase, expanding its workforce by 1,300. At 117,300, this segment was up 1,400 from a year ago. Similarly, payroll levels in Contract Construction, at 21,200, and Trade, at 103,100, registered monthly gains of 1,200 and 800, respectively. Compared to April 1988, the former industry increased by 1,400 while the latter advanced 600. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities rose 300 on a monthly basis to the current total of 15,800, which was 100 above the year earlier figure. Overall Government employment was down 100 from the prior month; however, at 60,500, this segment experienced an annual upturn of 1,100. Although Finance, Insurance and Real Estate declined 100 from last month, the April job total of 26,500 was unchanged compared to the same month a year ago.

**HOURS AND EARNINGS**

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to \$9.03 in mid-April; this represents a gain of 61 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week advanced by 0.4 of an hour in April to 39.5 hours, but declined 0.3 of an hour from the April 1988 work week. Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in April amounted to \$356.69, representing an increase of \$4.40 from last month and a gain of \$21.57 compared to the same month a year ago.